House Resolution No. 1082

Whereas, on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at St. Raymond's Hall (The Cedars), the St. Louis Chapter of UNICO National will bestow the title of Honorary Italian on Armando Leopoldo Pasetti, a native of the Mantova region of Italy who came to the United States as a student on November 11, 1938, and was prevented from returning to his homeland for many years by the onset of World War II and its aftermath; and

Whereas, Armando Pasetti learned the trade of sausage making during the day and attended high school at night under the watchful supervision of his two uncles, Gino Pasetti and John Volpi; and

Whereas, after receiving his secondary school diploma, Armando Pasetti continued pursuing his education through business administration and management courses at Washington University, served in the United States Army from 1947 to 1948, and eventually applied his knowledge and skills as President of John Volpi Sausage Company after the deaths of his beloved uncles; and

Whereas, no stranger to well-deserved accolades, Armando Pasetti has received the Honor of the Cavaliere Della Republica Italiana, the Italian Heritage Award, and recognition from the Chicago Italian American Chamber of Commerce upon the centennial anniversary of the founding of the John Volpi Company; and

Whereas, Armando Pasetti is the beloved husband of Evelina Itala Gabbiani, whom he married on September 27, 1952, and is the loving father of four daughters, Angela, Vivian, Lorenza, and Carla; and

Whereas, UNICO National derives its name from the Italian for "only one of its kind" with each of its letters standing for the intrinsically valuable characteristics of Unity, Neighborliness, Integrity, Charity, and Opportunity:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the exemplary career, outstanding community spirit, and impressive life of Armando Leopoldo Pasetti and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon his selection as an Honorary Italian by the St. Louis Chapter of UNICO National; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution to recognize Honorary Italian Armando Leopoldo Pasetti of John Volpi Company in St. Louis.

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1082, adopted March 27, 2003.